The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service and community public health safety net; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of public safety telecommunicators, first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of *May 15-21, 2016*, as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Centre County with the theme, *EMS Strong: Called to Care*, in recognition of the valuable services provided by emergency services providers and encourages all citizens to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities in honor of the dedicated commitment of our emergency services personnel.

ADOPTED this 10th of May, 2016

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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